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The Biennial Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller contains 49 recommendations for action to benefit education. Printed copies of the report will go to all legislators, as well as administrators, county superintendents and school boards. Teachers and others who want personal copies may request them directly from the State Superintendent.

On Your Calendar? January 30-31, annual meetings of the Montana Association of School Administrators and Montana High School Association, Butte . . . . March 27-30, Superintendent of Public Instruction's Annual Administrators' Conference, Helena.

High schools at Helena and Malta are experimenting this year with class organization and team teaching, utilizing large lecture classes of 60 to 90 students, plus smaller discussion-group sections.

Apples For Teacher, a short play dramatizing today's educational dilemmas, is available from Bank Street College of Education, 69 Bank Street, New York 14, New York.

A trip to Washington D. C. will be awarded to the Montana high school junior or senior winning the 13th annual National Essay Contest of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped. Montana entry deadline: January 1. Details from Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped, Box 1728, Helena.

Deputy State Superintendent William L. Erickson has been appointed a member of the Study Commission of the Council of Chief State School Officers, to work on a project of establishing policies on the education of gifted children.

School librarians may be interested in two new publications: Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1960 . . . Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1957. Information from the U. S. Department of Commerce, 319 Metropolitan Bldg., Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

Reminder: A copy of the audit report of the elementary and high school funds of all first and second class districts, and of third class districts maintaining a high school, must be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction, in accordance with the provisions of Section 82-1008, R.C.M., 1947.

Merit Fellowships at Stanford University, supported by the Shell Companies Foundation, again are offered to high school teachers of chemistry, physics and mathematics. Five Montana teachers have received these fellowships in the past. Application deadline: January 4. Details from Dr. P. D. Hurd, Shell Merit Fellowship Program, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers, a national organization of the heads of the education agencies of the fifty states and the U. S. territories.

The annual Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Montana, has been granted Department of Public Instruction approval for the participation of pupils in grades 7-12.

Conservation Of Our Renewable Natural Resources, a pamphlet with suggestions for science fair projects, is available from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Publications, Washington 25, D. C.

National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship applications are due January 6. Interested secondary school teachers may obtain details from American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1515 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

Science teachers may obtain materials on Science Clubs of America from the Executive Secretary, L. V. Watkins, 1719 N Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Winnafern Moore, State Rural Schools Supervisor, was elected to the National Executive Committee of the Department of Rural Education, N.E.A. at its annual conference at Louisville, Kentucky.

The Navy College Aptitude Test, December 10, once again is the first step for Montana high school seniors interested in college training under the program of the Naval R.O.T.C.

Directories listing Montana teachers of mathematics, or science, or foreign languages are available from the Department of Public Instruction. When ordering, specify which listing you want.

NDEA TITLE III Applicants Please Note: (1) Do not order, or purchase, any item until you have received notice of approval of your application. . .reimbursement can be made only for post-approval purchases; (2) Send 3 copies of the application to the DPI; keep one in the superintendent's office; (3) Itemize equipment and material to be purchased, with cost of each item; (4) Apply separately for projects at different levels...elementary, junior high, high school; (5) Describe in each application how the material will be used, even though a similar description was provided for earlier projects; (6) Equipment lists are being revised...purchases are not restricted to the lists, as long as items are non-consummable and appropriate in the area. Keeping in mind these steps will help expedite your application.

Mathematics, science and foreign language projects in Montana schools under Title III of NDEA now total 235, largely at the high school level. Elementary schools had 3 projects in 1958-59, 19 projects in 1959-60, and 18 so far this year. Projects totalled $53,600 in 1958-59, $275,000 in 1959-60 and $106,200 to mid-November of the current year.

Keeping Your Money Healthy, a primer about the Federal Reserve System, is offered to teachers by the Joint Council on Economic Education via the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty St., New York City 45. Direct your request for classroom quantities to Dr. Merlyn Trued, Director of Public Information at the above address.

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